

# SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES' ASSOCIATION

Legislative Committee

**Action Agenda  
March 1, 2013**

Bill No/Sponsor	Title/Hearing	Position/Comments	Position Taken
<b>Family &amp; Juvenile Law</b>			
<b>New Bills</b>			
<a href="#">HB 1338</a> (Roberts)	<b>Incarcerated juveniles</b> 02/25/13 at 1:30 PM/Executive 02/23/13 at 9:00 AM/Executive 02/23/13 at 9:00 AM/Public 02/14/13 at 10:00 AM/Executive 02/05/13 at 8:00 AM/Public	Relates to life sentences w/o parole for juveniles. Refers matter back to sentencing judge - who may be dead by then (just keep that in mind)!Comment from J Cozza: It appears that the main difference that concerns the courts is that SHB 1338 would place the issue of early release back before the sentencing court, whereas SSB 5064 would place it before the Board (which I assume means ISRB). Keep in mind that a court would be in a difficult position trying to make decisions that are 20-25 years after the sentencing date. The House bill says nothing about rules of evidence, nor procedures for such a hearing. The Senate bill places these decision before an administrative Board that presumably already has experience in these matters, and allows for procedure to be set up by administrative rule.	
<b>Executive</b>			
<b>New Bills</b>			
<a href="#">HB 1961</a> (Pedersen)	<b>Judicial stabil. trust acct.</b> Appropriations 02/28/13 at 1:30 PM/Executive Appropriations 02/28/13 at 1:30 PM/Public	Delays, until July 1, 2015, the expiration of judicial stabilization trust account surcharges.	
<a href="#">SB 5860</a> (Padden)	<b>Attorney general</b> Ways & Means 02/28/13 at 1:30 PM/Public	Addressing legal proceedings by the attorney general on behalf of superior court judges. The attorney general shall: "...However, the attorney general shall not be required to institute or prosecute actions or proceedings on behalf of superior court judges unless requested to do so by the administrator for the courts under chapter 2.56 RCW"	

WAJCA				
New Bills				
SB 5064 (Hargrove)	Offenses prior to age 18	Concerning persons sentenced for offenses committed prior to reaching eighteen years of age, resulting in life w/o possibility of parole. Sent to ISRB to determine parole. Supported by WAPA. Statement by J Cozza: it appears that the main difference that concerns the courts is that SHB 1338 would place the issue of early release back before the sentencing court, whereas SSB 5064 would place it before the ISRB. Keep in mind that a court would be in a difficult position trying to make decisions that are 20-25 years after the sentencing date. The House bill says nothing about rules of evidence, nor procedures for such a hearing. The Senate bill places these decision before an administrative Board that presumably already has experience in these matters, and allows for procedure to be set up by administrative rule.		
	02/21/13 at 5:30 PM/Executive			
	02/04/13 at 1:30 PM/Executive			
	01/25/13 at 8:00 AM/Public			
Therapeutic Courts Committee				
New Bills				
SB 5797 (Hobbs)	Specialty courts	SCJA does not think there needs to be a bill, prefer no bill since currently local option therapeutic courts can be created without specific authority or getting approval. BJA and DMCJA support. Referred to Therapeutic Courts committee for articulation of proposed amendment/s. Sen Padden passed it out of Senate, not as much support in the House. Sen Padden is open to suggested amendments.		
	02/21/13 at 5:30 PM/Executive			
	02/20/13 at 1:30 PM/Public			